SUBJECT No. 231.

Feeding charges to stray cattle to be with pound-keeper.

Mr. Linge Gowda, Patel of Nagavala, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.— The feeding charges recovered in cattle-pounds in villages are first remitted into the Treasury and then refunded again to the pound-keeper. This entails unnecessary delay and the pound-keeper many a time will be in want of funds to feed the impounded cattle. It is therefore prayed that the pound-keeper be allowed to keep with him the feeding charges recovered, remitting to the Treasury only fees on impounded cattle as was formerly being done.

Reply of Government.—The order provides for an imprest. If it is not given, the matter should be represented to the local authorities.

SUBJECT No. 232.

Grant of a commission to persons that impound cattle.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is a long standing question as to why commission should not be paid to persons that impound cattle damaging crops. Early orders may be passed granting a commission of one anna to such persons for each head of cattle impounded.

Reply of Government.—Not necessary or desirable.

SUBJECT No. 233.

Vice-Presidents for Minor Municipalities.

Mr. Venkataramaiya, Hole-Narsipur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—At present Amildars are the Vice-Presidents of Minor Municipalities. As they have to camp out during several days in each month, non-official Members may be appointed Vice-Presidents of all, or experimentally, of some Municipalities.

Reply of Government.—The New Municipal Regulation provides for this.

SUBJECT No. 234.

Octroi on articles other than piece-goods in Taluk Municipalities to be abolished.

Mr. K. Ramanujaiengar, Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The introduction of the levy of octroi duty on certain articles of consumption in Taluk Municipalities is vexatious to the residents and has in no way improved their finances. If members evince greater interest in the management of the Municipal affairs, income derived from other sources may undoubtedly be made to meet both ends. Octroi on cotton piece-goods may be continued and that on kerosene oil, betel-leaves, etc., abolished as it discourages traders in those articles from continuing their trade.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 235.

Municipal levy of mohatarfa on cloths to be attended with markings on them.

Mr. Chikka Guruva Reddi, Bangalore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In all the Municipalities in levying taxes on cloths, they only mention the number of pieces for which tax has been collected and do not mark the cloths in any way. If the same cloths are taken to some other Municipality, tax is levied for a second time putting poor people into additional expenditure and worry. Such collections may therefore be ordered to be attended by markings on cloths.

Reply of Government.—The member is referred to Government Proceedings No. 6337-45—L. F. 98-95, dated the 25th January 1905, directing the stamping of cloths subjected to Octroi duty.

SUBJECT No. 236.

Removal of tax on tender cocoanuts.

Mr. Jahgirdar Madappa, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The tax on tender cocoanuts may be removed as in the case of soda, lemonade, etc.

Reply of Government.—Not possible. But this is a matter for the Board concerned to consider.

SUBJECT No. 237.

Levy of toll only once in 24 hours.

Mr. Jahgirdar Madappa, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—If a cart happens to pass through 2 or 3 Municipalities the same day, toll is levied in each Municipality. This is a hardship. It is requested that toll may be levied only once in 24 hours.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done, as each Municipality has its own wants and must realize a sufficient revenue to meet them.

SUBJECT No. 238.

Exemption from toll of animals taken for manuring or other agricultural purposes.

Mr. A. Ramanna, District Board Member, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—If sheep, pigs or other cattle should go over a bridge or other road over which "toll" is levied, exemption from payment of "toll" may be ordered, if the owners certify that they take them for manuring or other *bona fide* agricultural purposes.

Reply of Government.—Not feasible.

SUBJECT No. 239.

Minor Local Fund roads.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Roads leading to certain estates now maintained from District Funds should be given up, on account of the prohibitive cost when compared with the local cess realized from those estates.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 240.

Improvement of village sanitation.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Coffee Planter, Chikmagalur.

Summary of discussion.—Suggests that the sanitation of villages may be improved thereby stamping out plague gradually.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 241.

Rooting out lantana.

Mr. A. Ramanna, District Board Member, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—Lantana bushes are rooted out by means of elephants in Coorg. No arrangements are made to root out this shrub which has devastated several villages in Bettadpur and other hoblis. It takes away fertility of the soil and at last becomes so powerful that the villagers of their own accord give up the villages for fear of lantana and go away. Hence immediate remedy is required.

Reply of Government.—The rules in force and the practice obtaining in Coorg will be ascertained and necessary steps taken in the matter.

SUBJECT No. 242.

Abolition of tax on kanas in Municipal Towns.

Mr. Rattihalli Govindappa, Harihar Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Assessment on *kanas* situated in Municipal Towns may be kindly ordered to be abolished as in the non-Municipal villages.